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U.S. Patent Nos. 5,916,699, 6,326,097, 4,962,462, 5,964,309, and 5,780,980; British Patent No. 1,131,171; International Application Nos. WO 01/79012, WO 2004/031929 and WO 98/560589-93226; and the article entitled "Direct methanol fuel-cell combined with a small back-up battery," were cited in the attached European Communication (Search Report) issued July 20, 2004, i.e., not more than three months ago. An English language version of the foreign communication is attached for the Examiner's information. Both the European Communication and the English Abstracts are relied upon to satisfy the requirement of a statement of relevance for the attached references.

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UR	European Search Report dated July 20, 2004 for Patent Application No. 04001019.1-2119-		X	X
VR	Jaesung Han et al., "Direct methanol fuel-cell combined with a small back-up battery," Journal of Power Sources 112, 2002, pp. 477-483		X	X
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